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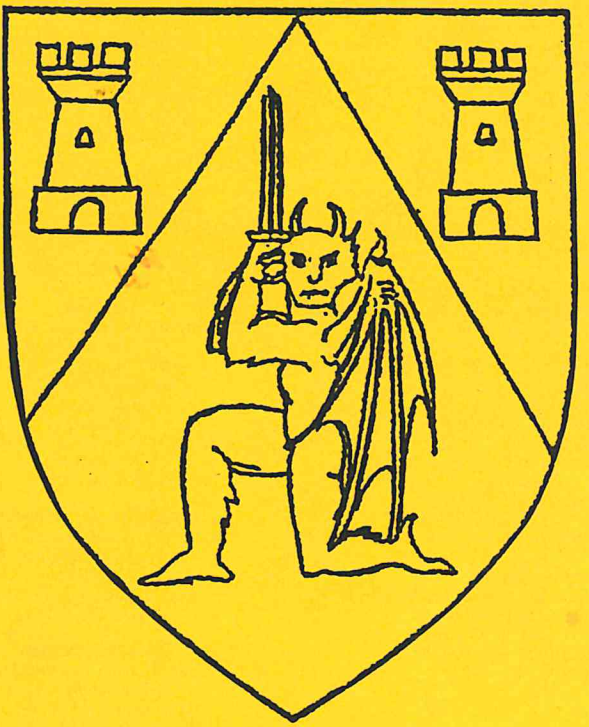

These are the arms of Lord Tuman Elnikov, DSB, CKP, CGR.

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Archery - 11-1PM, UH Fighter - 3-6PM, Bofharrach 6:30PM, Belly Dance 7:30-8:30PM. Information on weekly Baronial activities is on the inside back cover. Information on Bofharrach activities is located in the Bofharrach articles of the Tosspot.

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April

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12-13 - Crown Tournament (Scorpion's Hollow) Edana (505) 985-2614
26 - Fun and Frolic (Windkeep) Duncan (307) 637-5293
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May

3 - Eistedfodd (Unser Hafen) Caitlinn (970) 482-7249 15
10-11 - Coronation (Hawks Hollow) Roland (303) 341-5765
17 - StagsCon North (Unser Hafen) Leonora (970) 669-3835
22-26 - Grand Outlandish XXIV (al-Barran) Adam (505) 839-7302

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Chieftain

Titus
Praefectus

Petrov
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Protector

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Warden

Lady Jobita
Champion of the Horse

Baronial Guard

Lady Wenhauer
Lady Aildhcinna

Lord Caradoc
Lord Lorcan
Lady Moyra

Morien
Lord Lochlainn

Lord Axel
Baronial Page

Lord Theopompus
Lictor

Mu'allima Rashiqah
Baronial Bard

Lady Phaedra
Lady in Waiting

Melora
Lady in Waiting

Unto the good people of Unser Hafen, greetings from Llamrei and Titus, Chieftain and Praefectus.

No sh*t, there we were... If you didn't have the good fortune to go to one of the big wars in February, by now you have probably heard a few war stories, and some of them were probably true. Certainly it is true that all those from Unser Hafen and the Outlands made a wonderful showing and had an excellent time at the Great Western War in Caid. We are happy to report that everyone who went returned safely, though some had adventures, and no one lost too much money in Las Vegas.

Our heavy weapons force was fairly small, but cohesive, and very effective under the command of our own Syr Deotrich. Ask someone who was there about the Gully Battle, in which the Outlands forces (only about 35 strong) defeated a force several times their size, running down into a gully and up the other side, smashing the enemy in a spectacular uphill charge. Ask someone about the 9th Legion, a fine, honorable bunch of Romans who met the Outlands in a special battle and fell to a classic Canae double-envelopment maneuver led by Sir Titus, who was wearing woad and leading our wild tribesmen at the time. We think Titus has gone completely native now! Ask someone about the excellent bardic and dance session in Unser Hafen camp Saturday night. Folk from Unser Hafen competed in heavy weapons tourneys, fencing tourneys, equestrian games and archery, and in all cases, acquitted themselves well and honorably. Many of our folk volunteered to help with the logistics of putting on the war, working at the troll booth, marshaling both heavy and light tourneys, setting up equestrian games, working security. To these gentles, we give many thanks for helping to make this a fun war for everyone, and for helping our gracious Caidan hosts. Many thanks to Mistress Rosalind and her crew who made supper for everyone Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Thanks, too, to all those who helped in our own camp, and to those who assisted Her Majesty Elisheva. We all made a pretty spectacular entrance to court on Saturday morning! Thanks to Lady Phaedra and her water bearing crew for keeping us alive, and thanks to those wonderful people who brought lunch to the fighters on Sunday afternoon.

Some special congratulations are in order. Congratulations to Lady Kayleigh Hayes of Windkeep (a Keeper of the Portcullis) and our own Lord Lochlainn, both of whom became Defenders of the Stag's Blood at the war. Congratulations to Lord Tuman Elnikov, who won the Outlands Torchlight tourney on Friday night. Congratulations to Lord Robert Stewart, who won three fencing tournaments, and who ran the Outlands light weapons

tourney. And special congratulations to Coogan, who was chosen by the warriors from Unser Hafen and our allies as the most valiant of their number. He is the third recipient of the Corona Graminea, a special badge of honor given by the barony in the style of the old Roman award given to the man who saved a legion in battle. Lady Phaedra and Lady Eleanor helped us create the Corona from grass from the battlefield (actual grass this year!). It was really good to see Lord Wayland again; our displaced Bofharrach warrior came all the way from Ansteorra to fight with us.

We would like to offer special thanks to those who made it possible for Titus and me to get to the war when our initial plans fell through. We would not have wanted to miss such a fine adventure! Good fighting, good fellowship, a lovely site and gracious hosts--we'll all be telling stories about this for a long time to come.

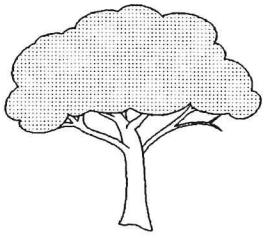
We are moving into a busy, if more peaceful, time now. Dance College is this month! Dust off your dancing shoes and your good clothes and prepare to learn new music and dances, eat a spectacular feast, and see one of our biggest (and hopefully most interesting) courts of the year. If you are interested in playing music with the band, contact Mistress Bernice or THL Catriona to get sheet music and a tape. We hope to see everyone there. Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition is also coming up in March; contact Master Thorfinn for information. It is being held a long way from here, but we hope some of our fine artisans will be able to make the journey to compete. Eisteddfod is coming up May 3, where we will chose our next Baronial Bard. Their Majesties are planning to attend. Those competing for the title must perform three pieces, two of which must be of the traditional forms (song, story, or poem) and one of which must be original. Contact Llamrei for more details. The Equestrian guild is doing a big demo at Horse Expo on April 5, and we could use help and support. We are having a dress rehearsal at the CSU big arena on March 13, and we would appreciate an audience to let us know how we look and to help us accustom the horses to crowd noises. Please come out and watch us!

We are very proud of all of our folk who went to war, fighters of all kinds and support staff. You bore yourselves honorably and represented the Outlands and Unser Hafen well. And now on to more fine adventures!

In Service,

TITUS

LLAMREI



OFFICERS' REPORTS

From the Seneschal

Greetings and good health to you all.

The winter wars are over and everyone has returned safely home to await the coming of summer. We cannot be idle in the meantime, however. Dance College is coming up this month; April is the Horse Expo; May will see Unser Hafen hosting the King and Queen at Eistedfodd. Each of these event needs volunteers, Even more, they need people to help on the spur of the moment. So don't be afraid to lend a hand in the kitchen, at the list minister's table, carting supplies from car to hall, or talking to newcomers or mundanes.

Demo season is also fast approaching. Already we have done two demos and many more await. Last year we did over 20 demos. Currently, I rely on a small core of people for most of our demos. It would be nice to expand that group. If you are available for and interested in doing demos, please let me know. You don't have to volunteer to do any demo that comes along. You would merely be adding your name to my list of people to call to see if they are available to help.

The April officers' meeting will be a populace meeting to be held at the dance practice site. It will be held on the third Monday of the month (the 21st) from 7-9 pm. Since no one volunteered to run a discussion or teach a class, I will be giving a short talk on bardic presentation in preparation for Eistedfodd.

Rashiqah رسيقه

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

The Outlands Arts & Sciences Competition is to be held on March 8th & 9th, 1997, in Hobbs New Mexico, which is in the very southeast corner of that state.

The governing rules for this Competition are now available from me. In general, there will be five great A&S Champions chosen, one for each of the major categories of Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Domestic Arts & Sciences, Performing Arts & Letters and Functional Art. There are five to eight subcategories in each of these major categories. Thus with a first and second place to be recognized in each of the 34 subcategories, and each of the five major categories, there are many opportunities (78) for you to achieve Kingdom level recognition.

However, each entrant is expected to judge others' entries in their category. If you cannot attend to do this judging, you must provide someone who has the expertise to do this judging in your stead. This really means that you should plan on attending the event if you are really serious about entering.

This month's discussion group topic at Syr Deotrich and Baroness Leonora's home is Arts & Sciences Competition. Please come and share your ideas and experiences.

In service,

MASTER THORFINN GREYBEARD

From the Chronicler

We did have a grand time at GWWI in the Kingdom of Caid. Thanks to all who helped put the camp together and with the myriad of tasks which always need doing. Many of our numbers contributed volunteer hours to the event - this really helped to show the spirit of the Outlands.

Some notable occurrences to ask the GWW travelers about.....belly dancing to bagpipes, the Gully Battle and the challenge Battle with the IX Legion, the GWW troll van from the Outlands, introduction of the single sword torchlight tourney to Caid, and for all Bofharrengi - you should have seen the cattle!!!

As a reminder to those who ate the group meals on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evening....if you haven't paid your $2 per meal, please see me. The continuance of this service depends on everyone paying their fair share.

My personal thanks to Lady Eleanor and Lady Phaedra for cooking, Master Thorfinn, Baroness Leonora and Syr Deotrich for help in general, Lord Theopompous and Baron Titus for the secret midnight dinner cleanup (!), Sir Nasr, Lady Madlen, Lord Mitsusada, and Lord Toki for their shopping trips, Julie, Lady Dubhease, Lady Jobita, and Lady Phaedra for making and taking lunch to the fighters on Saturday, Lady Killinen for Sunday evenings 'leftovers' gourmet feast, Lady Phaedra for coordinating the Outlands water bearing, and Mistress Merial of Calontir for her help and good friendship. The bardic was enchanting, the fighting was exciting, and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

I brought home some lost and found items which were left in camp. Most have been claimed, but I still have miscellaneous silverware and a putty colored ceramic mug needing their owners.

Thanks also to Mistress Elszebet of Bofharrach for her permission to print her article on Arts & Sciences documentation. The final part is in this edition.

In service to the Barony,
Mistress Rosalind of WellMark

Unser Hafen Black Smithing Guild —Mar. 8

You do not need to live in Unser Hafen to come; all are welcome. You do not need to know how to blacksmith--enthusiasm is sufficient. The next gathering will be March 8th at Master Tamlene and Mistress Drahomira's home. Forging starts at 9 a.m. and runs thru mid-late afternoon.

Steve and Jodi Smith (a.k.a. Tamlene and Drahomira)
6333 E. Hwy. 402
Loveland Co. 80537

Please inquire if directions are needed!
Remember: Bring food for lunch/dinner. If it id something to share, all the better.
Instruction is available. Please bring your own safety goggles, gloves, ear protection and old clothes (mundane work clothes recommended). Please do not wear clothes made from synthetics. Shop fees are 50 cents per hour for forge use (which is cost). Steel is available for sale, but we encourage people to bring their own. We will happily tell you all our favorite places to buy scrap and new metal.

Master Tamlene ap Guidgen	663-1513
Master Thorfinn Greybeard	667-1284
Master Garwed Cadburiensis	542-0890

From the Unser Hafen Musicians' Guild

Unto all who delight in joyous sounds enveloping our Barony -

The musicians' guild of Unser Hafen is meeting at the Dance Practice site, on the second Monday of each month at 6PM. We will play, talk, sing and enjoy each others' company until the start of dance practice. The March meeting will be held on the 10th. The only prerequisite is enthusiasm, no experience is necessary to join us. Questions - please call Lord Mark at 225-8081.

In service,
Lord Mark

From the Equestrian Guild of Unser Hafen

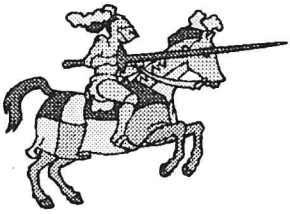
February has come and gone and now the ides of March are upon us. As many of you may know the Equestrian Guild is participating in Horse Expo April 4-6. Horse Expo is run by CSU and celebrates the variety of horses and horse related sports. There will be two additional practices in March which will be dress rehearsals for the demo. Anyone who wants to help with the demo at Horse Expo is asked to attend both of these practices. Please let Jobita or Rossilin know if you can help out. Have a great March and we look forward to seeing you at Horse Expo.

Please remember that practices are on the FIRST and THIRD Thursday of the month (with the minor exceptions as noted in the following dates) from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. To attend practice you need to be an SCA member and have proof of current health insurance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Practices and Event schedule:

March 6
March 10 - Dress Rehearsal I
March 13 - Dress Rehearsal II
March 20
April 3
April 4 - 6 - Horse Expo (Denver Stock Show Complex)
April 17

Lady Rossilin (970) 484-2213 sjmoyes@lamar.colostate.edu



Discussion Group —March 3

On the first Monday of the month (the one free one!) THL Leonora and Syr Deotrich will be hosting a discussion group. Over the months, we will be covering a wide range of topics (suggestions are welcome). All persons interested in things SCA are welcome. We will be focusing on how to make the SCA experience a richer and deeper experience. Modern garb is acceptable.

This month's topic of discussion will be **Arts & Sciences Competitions** - What are your ideas and your experiences. The discussion will be facilitated by Master Thorfinn Greybeard, and he is collecting input for future Kingdom and Baronial competitions.

There is no smoking on the property. Bring pillows to sit on! The door will open at 7PM; discussion to begin at 7:30PM. If you would like to lead a discussion, let us know. Directions: Take your best route to Loveland and go west on U.S. 34 (Eisenhower Blvd.). At Wilson Ave. (Taft Hill in Fort Collins), go south to the 4-way stop at First St. and turn west. Proceed several miles to a 25mph curve to the left. On the right side in the curve is the house. Look for the barn mailbox with duct tape. The drive is a U, so come up as far as you can and park to the left so others can pass.

Address: 7743 W. First St
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University of Caerthe —March 26

In March, THL Wyndylyn Leanb' na Doinneann and Lady Arwen Southernwood will be telling us about their daring "Field Trip to the Rare Books Room in Norlin Library". They will be showing video and photos from their January expedition with comparison of styles and usage. Norlin has an excellent collection of medieval manuscripts, many of them quite beautiful, so this promises to be an aesthetically pleasing as well as educational evening.

We will meet at 7:30 P.M., March 26, the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Wyndylyn's house; 15912 E. Lehigh Circle, Aurora. If you have not been there before, take your best route to Hampden and Chambers. Go east on Hampden to the 2nd right, go south on Kalispell to the "T" intersection of Lehigh Circle. Follow it west and around south until you see the banners. All are encouraged to attend. For further information, call THL Wyndylyn, (303)680-1583, Lady Arwen, (303)756-7040, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004. Period garb is optional, but appreciated.

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(Editor's note : The following was received from Master Robin Vinehall of Caerthe and is an excerpt of the original text..)

In Memoriam: Amelia von Altburg

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that the Honorable Lady Amelia von Altburg died the evening of February 17, 1997. THL Amelia had been a member of the SCA and the Barony of Caerthe for more than 17 years. She received her AOA in 1983, the Caerthen service award, the Order of the Aspen, in 1985, the Caerthen arts award, the Order of the Gilded Leaf, in 1990, and her Grant of Arms at Twelfth Night of last year. She was active in cooking, autocrated many events, made all her own garb and most of that of her lord, Robin Vinehall, and assisted him for thirteen years in running the University of Caerthe. She was widely loved and respected, and will be sorely missed.

HELP WANTED

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Caitlinn MacEllistrum requests all those wishing to assist with the Eisteddfod event on May 4 please see her. This is an opportunity for those who are not performing that day to still participate and help make it happen!

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DONATIONS NEEDED: The Bofharrach Hospitaller's office is in need of equipment donations. Garb, armor, feast gear, or other items which might be used to supplement newcomers for awhile will be much appreciated. Please contact Melora (970) 353-7402.

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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Local artisans may be commissioned for custom work. Please call the A&S officer for contacts.

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ARTISANS: As space is available, you may request ad printing in this publication for your wares and services. Your copy will be subject to the Seneschal's review and approval before printing.

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DEPUTY NEEDED: Caitlinn MacEllistrum needs a deputy who can take over the office of Hospitaller in the May-June time frame when she will be graduating. Please contact Caitlinn for more information....find her on the Officer's page.

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HOMES NEEDED: For miscellaneous silverware and a putty colored straight-sided mug which were left in Caid at GWWI! See Mistress Rosalind.

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IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO DANCE PRACTICE OR CAN PROVIDE A RIDE, CONTACT ME AT 482-6608 OR 484-5749. THL Theresea

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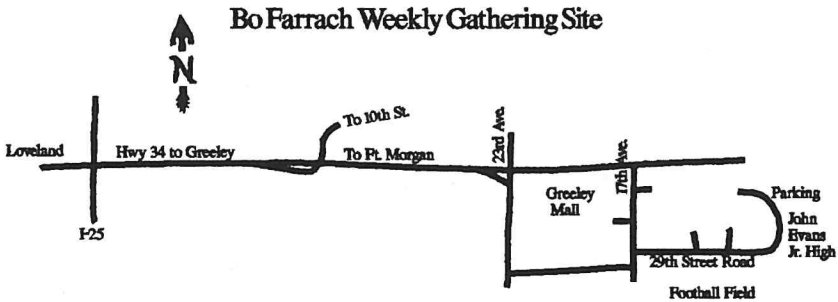

Bofharrach's Chronicler Report

Greetings from the udder herds,

The Wars have ended and our warriors have returned triumphant, gentles who attended both of the wars have reported that the Bofharrach fighters represented us with honor and chivalry on the battlefields. I understand that a good time was had by all. Unfortunately for Aramis' group and the elk, the trip back was not as pleasant! Our congratulations go out to Coogan who was honored by His Excellency with the grass crown.

Our attention now turns to the upcoming Dance Collegium and Ball. The Urchins guild is in full swing with plans for the smalls and Lady Amice is planning the menu. Anyone who would like to help out with any of the cooking and baking please contact her for the recipes. Those gentles who would like extra help learning those hot new dances so that you can display your abilities at the Ball, please contact Lady Aldhicinna.

The Equestrian guild is still looking for those gentles who have an interest in horses and an urge to help out at the upcoming demo at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo April 4,5 & 6. You will have to be authorized as a page to be around the horses, please contact any of our equestrians or the guild head for more information.

May the additions to your herds be healthy and strong.

In service to the Dream,

Lady Mogra MacColla

Unser Hafen Dance Collegium & Ball VIII – March 15

On the Ides of March, AS XXXI, (March 15, 1997 CE) the Barony of Unser Hafen invites all to join us in our eighth annual celebration of the gentle art of dance at our Dance Collegium and Ball. This year, we will have a Tudor theme. The site is the McMillen Building of the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, Colorado.

In the Collegium, during the day, eight dances, ranging from simple to advanced, will be taught. In the evening we will feast on Swans (an adaptation using modern ingredients) and then dance the dances taught during the Collegium to live music. In addition, we will dance several SCA standards, such as *Hole in the Wall, Korobushka*, and *Earl of Salisbury Pavane* to recorded music.

Dances to be taught at the Collegium will include: *Juice of Barley, Farandole, Picking up Sticks, Jenny Pluck Pairs, Dull Sir John* and *Basse Danse*. Those interested in Eastern dance are requested to contact the autocrats at the number below. Any musicians wishing to play at the Ball are also requested to contact the autocrats who will be happy to mail sheet music for the dances to you.

The hall opens at 11AM, with classes starting at noon. A light lunch will be provided for a donation. This is a dry site. Merchants are welcome, and are requested to contact the autocrats in advance. There will be organized activities for children during the Collegium.

Fees: *Site*-$6.00 for adults, half price for those under 15, and free for those six years or younger. *Feast*-$6.00 for adults, half price for those under 15, and free for those six years or younger. Non-prepaid feast reservations will be held until 4PM. Feasts are limited, and reservations are strongly encouraged.

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(Editor's note: This is part 4 of a 4 part series written by Mistress Elszebet Vorosvari, OL.)

DOCUMENTATION HOW & WHY

Part IV: Writing the documentation

As Mentioned in part II, written documentation should use a standard format consisting of introduction, body of text, conclusion, appendices (if any), and references cited.

The *introduction* should be at least one sentence, but can be longer. It gives the background, and explains "what is it?" and "what was it used for?" It can also give the context of the object, dance, etc. That is to say, it explains why it was needed, changing fashions in dance and music that led up to it, and any other information that may help the reader to understand the object of performance.

The *text* is the discussion of what you did, including research. It can be as long as you need or are permitted (the competition in which you enter it may have a page limit), without padding.

Discuss what you learned from research, that is, how and why it was done in period. DO NOT INVENT "FACTS!" This seems self-evident, but it is probably the commonest problem I have run across in judging arts and sciences competitions. A corollary is do not use "facts" other people have invented; what "everyone knows" is frequently wrong. The best way to avoid inventing facts is to cite references; in the text, footnotes, or endnotes. Do not make a statement without citing a reference or your own experience.

Then discuss how you made the object, interpreted the musical notation, recited the poem, etc. Include any changes from period technique and materials, and the reasons for the changes. For instance, linen is expensive, so the chemise is made of cotton; Spanish yew is unavailable, so the bow is made of yew from Oregon; power tools are quicker than hand tools for the same result (be careful with this one; you don't want to look too lazy to try period techniques). Include your techniques even if you think they are boring. Your documentation is being judged as information, not entertainment.

Consider who your audience is likely to be. You can assume that arts and sciences judges know that weaving means over and under. Judges will also probably have to read the documentation for a number of entries and will not appreciate padding or the inclusion of your life history. The judges do not need to know that you got interested in woodworking as a result of getting a wood-burning set the Christmas you were twelve. If the competition has a five-page maximum for documentation and you finish with three pages, that is fine. Do not pad it to five. That is just the maximum, not the absolute requirement. I have heard that judges sneer at short documentation. I have never heard that from a judge. As in any research, consider the source of your information.

The *conclusion* should be at least one sentence, but can be longer. It should discuss what you learned about the object, technique, or performance. Include anything you would do differently next time, but do not dwell on mistakes. The judges probably will not notice them anyway. The conclusion should also describe how well the object performs its intended purpose. For example, field garb should be machine washable. In the case of a performance, describe how well it entertained the audience if you have performed it before the competition.

Appendices can include photocopies of pictures of period objects, charts, e.g. sizes of surviving 14th century belt pouches, or photos of what the garb looks like when worn.

References cited are the sources credited in the text of the documentation or in footnotes. It is not the same as a bibliography. A bibliography includes everything ever written on the subject. A selected bibliography is everything that you looked at for the project. Both may be used in documentation but the references cited are usually the works which were of most value to you in your project.

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April Fool's Masque Ball — March 29

The Shire of Windkeep invites all to come and join in our merriment on Saturday, the 29th day of March, AS 31 (1997), for April Fool's Masque Ball III. Many silly and frivolous activities are scheduled. Bring a mask, or be prepared to make one there. Prizes will be awarded for the best mask brought, and the best mask made on site. The royalty of misrule will be chosen by chance. Armored fighting and fencing, fun and games will be held according to weather and interest.

Reservations for the event are greatly encouraged. We plan to serve the first 75 at this time. Prepaid reservations (site and feast) are $8.00 before the 22nd of March. At the door feast fee, space available, will be $10.00. Smalls (6-12) are half price. Little ones (5 and under) are free. Day tripping fee (1:00-5:30) at the door will be $5.00. No sideboard seating permitted. Dessert/Sotilties (dessert to serve six) competition with an appropriate prize shall be held. Competition entries close at 5PM.

Site opens at 1PM, closes at midnight, feast at 6PM. Site is discreetly wet (remove your containers, no hard liquor).

The site is Lions Park Community Center. Take your best route to Cheyenne, Wyoming, from I-25 north take exit 12 east (right); continue on Central Ave. to Kennedy Drive (northwest corner of the park) turn southwest (right); continue on to Carey Ave. turn southeast (left); continue south on Carey until signs at inter park road to the left (Botanical Garden), turn east (left); follow signs.

Contact Autocrat: Lady Renate Koven (Pat Hansen), 10205 Powderhouse Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-9689, (307) 635-1320.

Purple Flamboyance & Fighter Auction — April 26

On Saturday, April 26 at the National Guard Armory (on Potomac off of 6th Ave.) there will be an event of amazing benefit! The fighters of Caerthe, in attempt to raise money for their special projects, have agreed to auction themselves off to the highest bidder! The auction will start promptly at 11:00a.m. All proceeds from the auction will be given to the fighters of Caerthe. Anyone who would like to be auctioned off with the fighters to raise funds for the fighters just needs to show up by 11:00.

To start our blood pounding and bring roses to our cheeks (!) we will begin the day at 8:30a.m. with a class on drumming. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a drumming presentation put on by some of the premier drummers of the Northern Outlands. To be sure, the floors and ceilings will shake and all who witness this spectacle will be much enlivened!

At 1:00 p.m. after the fighter auction there will be two tournaments. The first tournament will involve the fighters and those who hold their highest bid in a two-some against their worthy opponents. The non-fighter will be armed with poisoned darts. The second tourney will be some sort of terrific fighters delight!

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Mistress Aurora has agreed to provide us with an evening feast. We will follow this culinary perfection with an evening court where prizes and acknowledgments will be given out.

So now you are wondering where the Purple Flamboyance comes into all of this. In the grand tradition of the former Color Courts of Mistress Morrigan de Winter this event will focus on the color Purple! IN FACT: this is a PURPLE CHALLENGE to the rest of the kingdom! **SOUND THE DRUMS & LET THE PURPLE WARS BEGIN!** Some of the battles in this War will be: Most Purple Garb (Male, Female, Child); Best use of Purple; Most shades of Purple combined to make one outfit; Most Unusual to find an item being Purple; Most Deadly Purple, Most eatable Purple; Purple accessories; etc.

There will be more details on the feast and this event in next month's article. Site opens at 8:00a.m. and will close by 10:00p.m. The autocrat for this event is Tess of the Crossings. If you need more details before next month's article, please contact Tess at 306-1430 or talk to Lord Kronos at fighter practice.

Eistedfodd — May 3

Unser Hafen invites you to entertain and be entertained at a medieval display of bardic arts competition. This contest will be most challenging with 3 required entries in any combination in the areas of song, poetry, story, or dance. And one of these entries must be an original composition. The highest scoring Unser Hafenite will be named the Baronial Bard for the next year. The highest scoring entrant will be the competition winner.

And, for an additional entertainment challenge, there will be heavy and light weapons tournaments in the morning with the "winners" of each tournament being the "best show" and additional winners being the best bardic piece created about each tournament.

The site is the McMillan Building of the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland. It opens at 9AM with activities beginning at 10AM. The cost is $5 site, and $5 for a grand English feast with bits of Scots and Irish flavors prepared by THL Theresea die Tanzerin. Other fees are $2 site, $2 feast for those UNDER 15, and free for those UNDER 7. Send reservations to the Autocrat. The site is dry with no smoking. Merchants are welcome - contact the Autocrat.

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Look for more details in the April and May Tosspot and Outlandish Herald.

A Quest for Calendar Artists —from the Barony of Caerthe

The Caerthe Building Fund is looking for art submissions for the 1998 Artists of the Outlands Calendar. We know our Kingdom is blessed with many talented artists, and we would like to show your work in the 2nd edition of the calendar. Chosen artists will retain full rights to their work, but will need to sign a release allowing the Building Fund to use their work. And, you will receive a copy of the calendar signed by each of the artists featured.

The submission deadline is April 15, 1997.
Art Requirements: black and white only; horizontal orientations, manageable size that will reduce or enlarge well to 8.5 X 11 inches; original work or high quality professional grade prints.

Send submissions or questions to:

Caerthen Building Fund Calendar 1998
c/o Mary Conley
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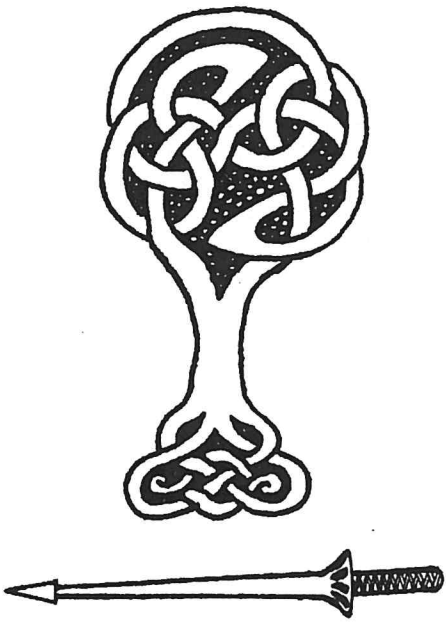


Unser Hafen Practices

(See Bofharrach section of this newsletter for Bofharrach information.)

Fighter Practice

Winter practice is from 3-6 PM on Sundays at the CSU Field House.

Dance Practice

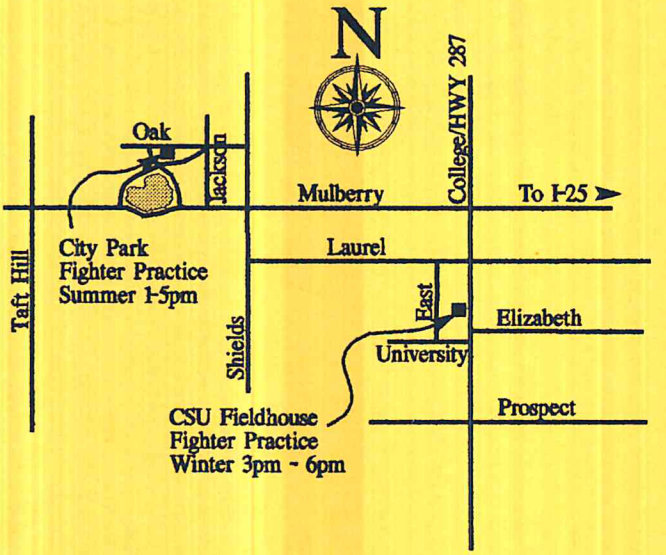
2nd and 4th Mondays, 7-9 PM at the Mountain Range Shadows Club House. See map.

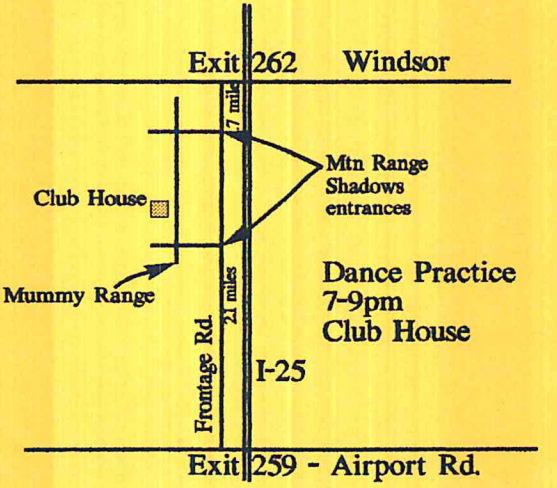
Archery Practice

Winter hours begin November 3 when it moves to every Sunday from 11-1 PM. Please call Lady Angelina, 225-2264, to discuss the location and current weather conditions.

Belly Dance

Wednesday evening, 7:30-8:30, Empire Grange Hall, on Mulberry west of Taft Hill. On the North side.





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(Lord Maelgwyn & Mistress Maeve's wagon)